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Sir:

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As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and before the issuance of the first Office Action, no fee is deemed necessary.



### **FOREIGN PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

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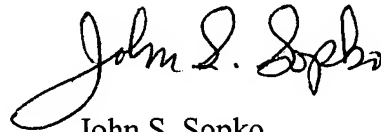
Copies of each of these references are attached herewith. All of the references listed above are also listed on Applicant's Substitute Form PTO-1449 which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references have been cited in a search report from a foreign patent office in the corresponding priority application PCT/GB00/02501. A copy of this search is enclosed. Moreover, a copy of an European Search Report for priority application EP 99305017.8 is enclosed. References cited therein are also enclosed.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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